

ISWG Meeting Note

October 2022



Inter-Sector
Working Group
Jordan

Date / Time / Venue	Sunday, 02 October 2022, 13:30-15:00, UNHCR Office in Amman and MS Teams
Attendees	Inter-Sector Coordinator [UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit, IACU], Shelter [UNHCR, IOCC], WASH [UNICEF], Protection [UNHCR], Food Security [WFP], Education [Relief International], SRH [UNFPA], Area-Based Coordination in Za'atari Camp and in Mafraq [UNHCR], JIF Representative. Invitees: UNHCR Transition Officer, UNHCR Global Public Service Fellow.

Meeting Note and Action Points

1. 'Refugee Response Coordination Update': Review the Approach

The 'ISWG Refugee Response Coordination Monthly Update' report had been introduced to regularly provide the overview of the inter-sector processes, incorporating the sectors' inputs. During the COVID-19 period, the report focused on the sectors' coordination of the COVID-19 response and changed its frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, then back to monthly). Eventually, the report has resumed its initial title and frequency. The reports are uploaded here: [link](#).

The Inter-Sector Coordinator noted that the 'Refugee Response Update' has gradually become a descriptive document that would largely include inputs from sectors' meetings and reports. She encouraged a discussion on revision of the current format and contents of the 'Coordination Update' report to make it more dynamic and beneficial for different stakeholders. It has been suggested to convert the report into a monthly dashboard, that would include sectors' data and key strategic inputs, incorporated by the IACU in a dashboard and validated by the Sector Coordinators. The coordination dashboards can be appropriately used for a variety of purposes, including planning and advocacy.

The ISWG members positively accepted the suggestion to establish a coordination dashboard, acknowledging sectors' commitment to contribute with timely and accurate inputs. It was agreed to maintain reporting on a monthly basis and to assess efficiency of this frequency after a while.

The IACU committed to draft a 'Coordination Dashboard' template and share with the Sector Coordinators for feedback.

2. GBV Information Management System (IMS)

The 'GBV IMS' topic was included in the agenda of the ISWG meeting upon request of the GBV Sub-Sector. However, the GBV reporting person was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.

3. Winterization Update

The IACU Focal Point at the Winterization Taskforce (TF) briefed the ISWG members on the progress of the TF activities. The Winterization TF was established two months ago, and it includes around eight organizations. The TF members agreed on a harmonized winterization package and admitted importance of reporting in RAIS which strengthens coordination and enhances efficiency of assistance. The winterization activities are starting in October.

The ISWG members appreciated suggestion of the WFP Coordinator of the Food Security Sector to develop a comparative winterization dashboard to analyze trends, achievements, and gaps of assistance, as well to elaborate on how the gaps can be filled. The practice of comparative dashboards can be then replicated across other sectors. The IACU committed to establish a 'Comparative Winterization Dashboard'.

4. Coordination Workshop

The Inter-Sector Coordinator noted that the overall operation context in Jordan is evolving, i.e., the vulnerabilities of people in the protracted displacements are increasing, the organizations are facing financial challenges, the relief focus is shifting from humanitarian to development, and there is still no information from MoPIC on the JRP programming. The Inter-Sector Coordinator suggested to conduct a coordination workshop that would engage the respective stakeholders in a transparent brainstorming on the validity and efficiency of the current coordination and the ways of its strengthening.

The ISWG members appreciated the idea, highlighting the importance and timeliness of such discussion.

5. AOB

- **WFP: Reduction of assistance package**

The WFP Coordinator of the Food Security (FS) Sector informed that due to the budget challenges WFP decided to reduce the value of the monthly cash assistance package by third. This change will be applied in urban in September and October, while the camps will not be affected. The WFP will be monitoring the situation, and other partners are requested to support assessing impact of the assistance cuts in the field. The next FS working group meeting will bring more information on the subject.

The Inter-Sector Coordinator invited sectors to also assess impact of the food assistance reduction, and she particularly encouraged Coordinators of the Protection and Food Security Sectors to initiate bi-lateral consultations on monitoring protection implications of the WFPs' reductions. The JIF representative offered his support to share the sectors' findings with donors.

The Inter-Sector Coordinator mentioned usefulness to include questions related to the impact of food assistance reduction in the quarterly VAF updates.

- **Cholera preparedness**

With reference to the information shared by the GoJ on the recent outbreak of cholera in the neighbouring Syria, the ISWG members started exchange of information on preparedness to cholera response in Jordan.

It was mentioned that there is no specific cholera national response plan in Jordan. Meanwhile, the Health Sector will share the national monkey pox action plan as soon as it is received from the MoH.

UNICEF started communications to prepare for the cholera awareness and response activities.

No cholera cases have been reported in camps. The camps are in contact with the MoH.

The ISWG will follow up on the situation and include the subject in the agenda of the next ISWG meeting.

- **Updates from Za'atari Camp**

The Coordinator of Za'atari Camp informed the ISWG members that the last camp coordination meeting took place according to the schedule; UNHCR is preparing for a meeting to agree on the winterization plan; the camp management is working to address the SRAD's requests related to the camp setting, permits' management, logistics of transportation in and out of the camp.

- **Updates of the Shelter Sector**

The Shelter Sector Coordinator from IOCC mentioned that the Sector is going through an exercise to consolidate shelter needs, engaging the data and partners’ analysis from the field. The outcomes will be shared with the GoJ, donors and other interested parties.

- **Updates of the SRH Sub-Sector**

In her updates, the SRH Sub-Sector Coordinator from UNFPA mentioned that:

The Higher Population Council will present an executive plan of the Reproductive Health National Strategy 2020 - 2030;

In collaboration with the Casagrande laboratory, the Jordanian Health Aid Society is planning to establish an environmentally friendly clinic in Za’atari camp;

The forthcoming session on GBV IMS will be focusing on clinical management of rape and uptake of the CMR services by the GBV survivors.

- **Updates of the Protection Sector**

The UNHCR Coordinator of the Protection Sector invited the ISWG members to attend the next Protection meeting which will focus on the topic of non-Syrians.

- **Senior GenCap Advisor’s mission is completed**

The Inter-Sector Coordinator informed that the mission of the Senior GenCap Advisor is completed. The GenCap’s ‘Inception Report’ was shared, while the Sectors need a joint and a better designed assessment. This subject can be discussed during the Coordination Workshop.

Action Points	Responsible	Timeframe
Design and share a ‘Coordination Dashboard’ template with the Sector Coordinators for the feedback	IACU	by the next ISWG meeting, 6 November
Establish a ‘Comparative Winterization Dashboard’	IACU	6 November
Share suggestions on the agenda and days of the Coordination Workshop	Sector Coordinators	ASAP
Share Minutes of the Health working group meeting (related to cholera)	IACU	ASAP
Include subject of the joint response plan on cholera in the agenda of the next ISWG meeting	Inter-Sector Coordinator	6 November
Arrange consultations to monitor protection implications of the food assistance reduction	Coordinators of Protection and Food Security Sectors	ASAP
Assess impact of the food package reduction and share with JIF	Sector Coordinators	ASAP
Invite VAF Coordinator with the Q2’22 analysis to the next ISWG meeting	Inter-Sector Coordinator	6 November